

my knowledge, the courts have never ruled what community betterment is and I can find it in no other place. So I come with a lot of thought about the advisability of this with the amendment that at least 90 percent of the remainder of the proceeds after payment of taxes pursuant to Section 9-196 which the governmental subdivision receives under this section and which are used solely for community betterment purposes shall be disbursed by the governmental subdivision to the county treasurer of the county where the electronic video lottery is conducted for the purpose of achieving real property tax relief in that county. I am not convinced that even this amendment will result in significant property tax relief and I have heard from several others who suggest that perhaps this could be substituted but rearranged and used not specifically for the purpose that I would like to see. I have another amendment which could be concurrent but this is my most important one, my most important amendment, to see if there can be some property tax relief or some good come out of the proceeds from the gambling that will be going on in our state. There will be a lot of costs to that subdivision of government and so I don't know if the increased costs to that subdivision of government will indeed result in even higher property taxes, and I am in that dilemma that perhaps this amendment needs a further definition and, therefore, Mr. President, I think I will withdraw those amendments and see how the bill progresses and then offer them on Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, Senator Pirsch. Senator Pirsch is withdrawing her amendments. Now are there further amendments to the committee amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, just so I understand, Senator, both amendments at this time? Okay. In that event, Mr. President, Senator Pappas would move to amend the committee amendments. (See Pappas amendment on page 2321 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, this amendment is basically just a little technical amendment. It limits or grandfathers in the existing communities that had voted for lotteries or had lotteries in operation before the official ban went on, and on the theory and the gist that those people would have to re-vote, each community